

# Ōtaki Summer Camp Programme 2026

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**Camp Venue** – Te Puāwai o te Aroha, 38 Bennetts Road, Ōtaki

**Kaiwhakataki / MCs** – Jenice Goveas and Xavier Walsh

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## Rāmere / Friday, 16 Hānuere / January 2026

4.30pm	<b>Mihi whakatau</b> at Bennetts Road (bring your cup for drink after)
6:00pm	<b>Te kai o te pō</b> / Dinner at Bennetts Road
7:00pm	<b>Introductions and welcome</b> to the farm: MCs and Shelley and Adi Leason
7.30pm	<b>From Ōtaki to Gaza:</b> Samuel Leason on taking part in the Global Sumud Flotilla, in conversation with Ben Sawrey
8.30pm	<b>Dessert</b>
9:00pm	<b>Music – The Berrigan Band</b>

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## Rāhoroi / Saturday, 17 Hānure / January 2026

7:00-8.30am	<b>Parakuihi</b> / Breakfast
9:00am	<b>Welcome to the summer camp</b>
9:30am	<b>Everything everywhere all at once: how to deal with the worst government in my lifetime – Simon Wilson</b>
10.30am	<b>Ngā rōpū kōrero</b> / Discussion groups, round one
11:45am	<b>Questions for speaker</b> back in the main marquee (30 mins)
12.30pm	<b>Tina</b> / Lunch
1:45pm	<b>Raukūmara: a story of indigenous restoration and climate change response – Ora Barlow-Tukaki and Wongi Wharepapa</b>
2:45pm	<b>Ngā rōpū kōrero</b> / Discussion groups, round two
4:00pm	<b>Questions for speakers</b> back in the main marquee (30 mins)
4:30pm	30-minute break
5:00pm	<b>How political change happens (four options, each repeating on Sunday)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. <b>The power of protest</b> – Lo Aleen</li><li>B. <b>How we win: choosing the right strategy for your political movement</b> – Finn Cordwell</li><li>C. <b>Organising conversations 101: practical tips for building movements through personal relationships</b> – Eleanor Hayward</li><li>D. <b>The campaigner's toolbox: a beginner's guide to campaigning</b> – Adam Currie</li></ul>
6:00pm	30-minute break
6:30pm	<b>Te kai o te pō</b> / Dinner
7:45pm	<b>Music – The Buskers</b>

## Hanarei/Sunday, 18 Hānure / January 2025

7:00-8.30am	<b>Parakuihi / Breakfast</b>
7:45-8:45am	<b>How political change happens</b> (four options, each repeating from Saturday) <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>The power of protest</b> – Lo Aleen</li><li><b>How we win: choosing the right strategy for your political movement</b> – Finn Cordwell</li><li><b>Organising conversations 101: practical tips for building movements through personal relationships</b> – Eleanor Hayward</li><li><b>The campaigner's toolbox: a beginner's guide to campaigning</b> – Adam Currie</li></ol>
9:00am	<b>Intro to nature and outdoors day in the main marquee</b>
9:10am	<b>Meeting the moment: effective change in a time of global crisis</b> – Bianca Ranson
10:10am	<b>Prepare to leave on the trips.</b> Bring your lunch (from kitchen), drink bottle, raincoat, togs, good shoes, hat, backpack, sunblock!
10.30am	<b>Depart for outdoor trips</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Ōhau River Gorge</b> – advanced river tramp (meet in the picnic area)</li><li><b>Parata Track</b> – intermediate tramp (meet near coffee)</li><li><b>Ōtaki River</b> – river ecology (meet main marquee)</li><li><b>Lake Papaitonga</b> – forest ecology  with assistance (meet main marquee)</li><li><b>I te kainga: stay at home option</b>  (meet near coffee @ 11:30)</li></ul>
7:00pm	<b>Te kai o te pō / Dinner</b>
8.30pm	<b>Music – Krakerjack: Polish dance band</b>

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## Rāhina/Monday, 19 Hānure / January 2026

7.00-8.30am	<b>Parakuihi / Breakfast</b>
7:45-8:45am	<b>Breakfast talks</b> (three options) <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Lessons from activism in the Global South: Ben Laksana and Rara Sekar</b></li><li><b>Lessons for Aotearoa from the Mamdani campaign: Justine Sachs</b></li><li><b>How you can help rescue native forests: Ora Barlow-Tukaki and Wongi Wharepapa</b></li></ol>
8:45am	Break
9:00am	Back to marquee: <b>one-minute intros to campaign options</b>
9:10am	<b>Campaigns: meet the people active in eight current campaigns</b> (eight options, choose two) <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Student Justice for Palestine</b> – Nadezhda Macey and Ayah Kayed</li><li><b>The Mega Strike</b> – Justine Sachs</li><li><b>Together for Te Tiriti</b> – Kassie Hartendorp</li><li><b>Dental For All</b> – Hana Pilkinton-Ching</li><li><b>Migrants Against the Acceptable Standard of Health Aotearoa</b> – Áine Kelly-Costello</li><li><b>Protect Denniston: Stop Bathurst's Coal Monster</b> – Adam Currie</li><li><b>Better Taxes for a Better Future</b> – Mia Andrews and Aidan Donoghue</li><li><b>Free Fares campaign</b> – Francie Moutier and Patrick O'Connor</li></ol>
10:10am	<b>Morning tea</b>
10:30am	<b>Campaigns: meet the people active in eight current campaigns (round two)</b>
11:30am	<b>Where to from here?</b> Kassie Hartendorp
12:30pm	<b>Tina / Lunch</b>
1:30pm	<b>Poroporoaki in the Main Marquee</b>
2:00pm	<b>Te whakamutunga o te noho / End of camp</b>

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